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1 4. Method as in one of Claims 1 through 3, characterized
2 in that in the subsequent manufacturing step (B) further
3 contours (6) are shaped onto the preliminarily shaped piston
4 (7) along another axis (1'') by forging at approximately 90°
5 to the first axis (1'), especially the longitudinal axis.

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7 5. Method as in one of Claims 1 through 4, characterized
8 in that initial manufacturing step (A) along the first axis
9 and the subsequent manufacturing step (B) along the second
10 axis are carried out in the same forging tool (10), into
11 which the blank (1) can be optionally heated before it is
12 inserted.

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14 6. Method as in one of Claims 1 through 5, characterized
15 in that during the subsequent manufacturing step (B) the wall
16 thickness of the preliminarily shaped piston (7) can be
17 decreased, accompanied by the creation of reinforcements
18 (23).

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20 7. Method as in one of Claims 1 through 6, characterized
21 in that during one of the manufacturing steps (A & B) an
22 integrated skirt (22) can be shaped onto the preliminarily
23 shaped piston (7) such that the skirt will be accommodated
24 within the skirt's [sic] circumference (21) during the
25 subsequent manufacturing step (B).

1 8. Method as in one of Claims 1 through 7, characterized
2 in that a steel blank (1) is employed.

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4 9. Method as in one of Claims 1 through 8, characterized
5 in that the piston (7) can optionally be reformed within
6 another plane in still another manufacturing step.

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8 10. Method as in one of Claims 1 through 9,
9 characterized in that, especially in the manufacture of
10 piston heads (7), excess material (8) is removed and/or
11 recesses (9) created, especially by punching, during at least
12 one of the manufacturing steps (A & B).

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14 11. Forging tool with in the vicinity of an upper die
15 half (11) and of a lower die half (12) several parts (13, 14,
16 15, 16, & 17) that can be displaced toward a blank (1) over
17 planes defined by axes (1' & 1"), preliminarily and finally
18 shaping a piston or a component thereof, a piston head for
19 example, whereby the parts in at least one of the die halves
20 (11 or 12) can be employed for the preliminary forging and
21 the parts (16) in at least one lower die half (12) can be
22 employed for the final forging.

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24 12. Forging tool as in Claim 11, characterized in that
25 the parts (13-15) in the upper die half (11) can be employed

1 for the preliminary forging and the parts (16 & 17) in the
2 lower die half (12) can be employed for the final forging.

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4 13. Forging tool as in one of Claims 11 and 12,
5 characterized in that the parts (16 & 17) in the lower die
6 half (12) can be rotated into a position approximately 90 °
7 to the direction traveled by the parts (13-15) in the upper
8 die half (11).

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10 14. Forging tool as in one of Claims 11 through 13,
11 characterized in that the parts (16) in the lower die half
12 (12) can be rotated especially by hydraulic piston-and-
13 cylinder mechanisms (18) into a position at an angle to the
14 parts (13-15) in the upper die half (11).

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16 15. Forging tool as in one of Claims 11 through 14,
17 characterized in that individual parts (13 & 16) in the upper
18 die half (11) and in the lower die half (12) can slide over
19 surfaces the extend over various planes in the vicinity of
20 the lower die half (12).

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